

REMARKS

This Second Supplemental Amendment After Final is being submitted in response to the Advisory Action of November 5, 2003. Applicants have now canceled claims 9-22 as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action thereby placing the claims in form for allowance.

All of the changes in this Second Supplemental Amendment After Final do not add new matter as there is support for the claims in the originally filed specification as stated in the Amendment After Final submitted on October 6, 2003 and Supplemental Amendment After Final filed on October 15, 2003. Entry of this Second Supplemental Amendment After Final and approval of the changes is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicants submit in light of the above amendments and remarks, the claims as amended are in a condition for allowance, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. If it is felt that it would aid in prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated to discuss any outstanding issues.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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